



Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1885.

The founders of Alpena made one bad blunder when they neglected to reserve spaces for a park and for a public market place. It is not too late yet to redeem the error. They owe that much to the people.

Sol Smith Russell as "Felix McKusick."

This eminent and successful comedian who will appear at the Opera House next Monday and Tuesday, August 10th and 11th, in his remarkably successful new comedy, "Felix McKusick," is as welcome as the spring-time, and quite as inspiring. There is a breeziness, and a pure, clean, wholesome fun permeating the play and rippling through every line and bit of business in it that are both light and refreshing. The play itself is very interesting and if played by an ordinary company would please. But when acted by comedian Sol Russell and a company of comedians especially selected for the dramatic characters and mirth-provoking lines laid down to them, the fun never ends from the first to the last scene. Mr. Russell's "Felix McKusick" will bring a bright and airy content and so full of humor. No small portion of the amusement of the performance is due to the specialties and songs which he introduces so naturally and cleverly into the piece. His repertoire consists of the following new songs and specialties: "Oh! you girls," "He is not as rich as he used to be," "The Amateur Yachtsman," "The School Boy," "Dad's Dinner Plate," "The Jelly Good Laugh," etc. The company is an exceedingly strong one. The costumes are magnificent, scenery beautiful and the music superb. "Felix McKusick" is the great musical and comic success of the night. Reserved seats for sale at Wittelsch's on Thursday morning.

Lake Shore Trotting Association Races at Alpena.

The races given by the trotting association at their race course in this city on Wednesday and Thursday, July 29th and 30th, proved very interesting to those who witnessed them, and had bet on the winning horses. The weather both days was very warm and the trotters raised clouds of dust on the track as they raced around. The attendance was fair, but not enough paid to make the affair a financial success. Lots of men and boys got over the fences. The entire receipts of both days was \$403.50, and the association is out of pocket at least \$200. Under the grand stand, beer, soft drinks and cigars were sold extensively. The judges the first day were W. L. Churchill, R. M. Donnelly and Thomas White, and the races for that day were as follows:

THREE MINUTE CLASS.	
Nellie C.	1 1 1
Roach Mack	2 2 2
Mohawk Prince	3 3 3
Eva H.	4 4 4
Isabel B.	5 5 5
Time—2:30; 2:30; 2:30.	

The two-forty class was a hotly contested race, and showed some fine trotting by Midnight, the only local horse entered in the races:

TWO-FORTY RACE.	
Belle of Shelby	1 1 1
Midnight	2 2 2
June Farnham	3 3 3
Lansing Boy	4 4 4
Time—2:40; 2:40; 2:40.	

HALF MILE RUNNING RACE.

Fannie Gaines	1 1 1
Jessie	2 2 2
Lady Van	3 3 3
Cleveland	4 4 4
Time—2:30; 2:30; 2:30.	

PACING RACE.

Billy W.	1 1 1
Maud Merrill	2 2 2
Silver King	3 3 3
Honest Mike	4 4 4
Time—2:40; 2:40; 2:40.	

SECOND DAY'S RACES.

During the afternoon of the 30th several of the mills shut down so as to allow the men to enjoy the races if they saw fit. By the time the races commenced the grand stand was about two-thirds full; then there were considerable people on each side of the track near the finish. The number of carriages present were numerous. Outside the grounds a sort of private grand stand was occupied by a number of persons who witnessed the races free. The first race was that of the

TWO-FIFTY CLASS.

First heat—Five scores were made before "Go" was given. Frank T. got lead and kept it easily the entire race. Second heat—Frank T. again got ahead easily, but on the home stretch he suddenly slackened, and Roberts took lead and won the heat. The driver of Frank T. was called for and requested to give a reason for his sudden stoppage, when victory was in his grasp. He said his horse choked down, and he was obliged to check so as not to injure the horse. Third heat—Frank T. did not try to win the heat, but trotted leisurely around the track. Eva H. fouled with another horse, and was ordered off the track. She came in second, with Roberts the winner of the heat. Eva H.'s driver pleaded not to be sent off the track; said he could not help the fouling, and asked to be set back to fourth place. The judges appeared agreeable, but the association rules would not allow, and Eva H. trotted no more in that race. Two scores were made. Fourth heat—The judges ordered a new driver for Frank T., as they did not like the actions of her jockey in the second and third heats. The fourth heat was closely contested

by Roberts and Frank T. Sometimes one was ahead and sometimes the other. On the home stretch Frank T. shot ahead and gained the lead, winning the heat. It appears since that the reason given by the driver of Frank T. was the right one. The affair, however, looked suspicious. Fifth heat—Frank T. got the lead and maintained it for about three-quarters of a mile, when Roberts got the lead and won the heat and race. The summary of the race is as follows:

Roberts	1 1 1
Frank T.	2 2 2
Isabel B.	3 3 3
Eva H.	4 4 4
Time—2:30; 2:30; 2:30.	

FOUR SCORE RACE.

Four horses competed for the prizes in the running race. Three scores were made on first heat before "Go" was shouted. Fannie Gaines soon took lead and kept it easily. Gentle Annie got a bad start and after running a few hundred yards bolted and did not finish the mile. Lady Van and Jessie made a lively contest for second place, but Jessie was too fleet for Lady Van and forced her to take third place. The second heat was hotly contested. A new driver was produced for Gentle Annie, but she was ruled out as she did not run the first mile. The other three horses made a lively race and were close together when they passed the half mile post. Fannie Gaines then took the lead and came under the wire the winner of the race, a short distance ahead. This race caused considerable enthusiasm. The following is a summary of the race:

Fannie Gaines	1 1 1
Jessie	2 2 2
Lady Van	3 3 3
Gentle Annie	4 4 4
Time—2:30; 2:30; 2:30.	

CITIZENS' RACE.

A private race got up by E. O. Avery and T. H. Lester was the next on the program. Each gentleman drove his own trotter and consequently there was no jockeying, but each did his best. Maud got a little start in the first heat. Little Mac broke several times. Maud was ahead at the half mile post and came in first at the end of the mile, being about two lengths ahead. Maud was entitled to the pole, but Mr. Avery allowed Little Mac to take the first place. Little Mac got the best start. At the three-quarter post Maud broke a little and lost several lengths. Soon after Little Mac broke and Maud got the lead near the home stretch and came under the wire a length or so ahead, the winner of the race. The record is as follows:

Maud	1 1 1
Little Mac	2 2 2
Time—2:30; 2:30; 2:30.	

PACING RACE.

In the first heat Silver King got the lead and maintained it the entire heat. Honest Mike broke several times. In the second heat Honest Mike led for about half a mile and was then passed by Silver King who won the heat. A new driver was provided for Honest Mike in the third heat. He led for half a mile. Silver King then got ahead of him but breaking he lost ground and Honest Mike succeeded in getting under the wire a short distance ahead. By this time it was near dark but it was necessary to run two more heats to decide the race, and Honest Mike proved the victor. Their record is as follows:

Honest Mike	2 2 1 1 1
Silver King	1 1 2 2 2
Time—2:40; 2:40; 2:40.	

The judges the second day were R. M. Donnelly, A. N. Spratt and T. White.

The Ten Hour Law.

Following is the law passed by the Legislature at the last session making ten hours a day's work. It was known as the Barry bill:

SECTION 1. The people of the State of Michigan enact, That in all factories, workshops, salt blocks, saw mills, logging or lumber camps, booms or drives, mines or other places used for mechanical, manufacturing or other purposes within the State of Michigan, where men or women are employed, the hours of labor for such employees shall not exceed ten hours per day, the same to constitute a legal day's work, and any proprietor, stockholder, manager, clerk, foreman or other employers of labor who shall require any person or persons in their employ to perform more than ten hours per day, they shall be compelled to pay such employees for all overtime or extra hours at the regular per diem rate.

SECTION 2. That in all contracts, engagements or agreements to labor in any mechanical, manufacturing, or other labor calling, where such contracts or agreements are silent, or no express conditions specified, ten hours shall constitute a day's work, and the contract or agreement shall be so construed.

SECTION 3. Any individual, agent, firm, corporation, or other employers of labor, who shall take any advantage of any person or persons in their employ, or seeking employment, be-

cause of their poverty or misfortune, to invalidate any of the provisions of the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, for each offense, and it shall be the duty of the Prosecuting Attorney of the county in which such offense was committed, upon receiving complaint, to prosecute all such cases in the name of the people of the State of Michigan, before any justice of the peace or other competent court of jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. All fines collected for violation of this act shall be turned over to the school board or board of education of the city or township wherein such fine may be collected, and the same shall by them be distributed in and in benefit of the public schools.

SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to domestic or farm laborers, unless especially agreed upon.

The Saginaw Strike.

There has no material change taken place in the strike of mill hands in the Saginaw Valley. But few mills have started, and most of those in operation are either running on the eleven hour system or else at ten hours with a reduction in the wages of the men who received over \$1.50 per day. Both the mill owners and mill men seem determined not to give in. The following will show the wages paid in the Saginaw Lumber & Salt company mill, previous to the strike:

	Per Day
Foreman	\$1.25
First Sawyer	1.00
Second Sawyer	.80
Third Sawyer	.75
Fourth Sawyer	.70
Handing to edge	.65
Four men taking away from edge	.60
One man trimmer	.55
Two men trimmers	.50
Four men loading on cars	.45
Two cut lumber piles	.40
Two cut lumber piles, average each	.35
Log loader	.30
Decom man	.25
Engineer	.40
Assistant engineer	.35
One fireman	.30
Two train drivers	.25
Four trimmers	.20
One boy	.15

Wood delivered at their doors, and ice during the summer, and free house rent; free when mill is not running. The average for the entire force, per man, is \$1.80 per day.

Council Proceedings.

The Common Council of the City of Alpena met in regular session, in the Council Room, on Monday evening, August 3d, and was called to order at 8 o'clock by the Mayor.

PRESENT—Andrew Harshaw, Mayor; John S. McVicar, Recorder, and Aldermen Warner, Kimball, Culligan, Campbell and Daoust.

Journal of session held July 29th, 1885, read and approved.

TWO PETITIONS were presented and referred to the Committee on Streets and Sewers.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

From Comptroller, recommending payment of the following bills:

PRESENT—Andrew Harshaw, Mayor
John S. McVicar, Recorder, and Aldermen
Warner, Kimball, Culligan, Campbell and
Daoust.

Journal of session held July 20th, 1885
read and approved.

PETITIONS.